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SUBJECT: PARANA MEDIO PROJECT AND FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAM

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 3693; (B) BUENOS AIRES 3520;

--- (C) BUENOS AIRES A-123; (D) BUENOS AIRES 3406

1. USDOC MEPD APPRECIATES RECEIVING REF (A), (B), AND (C) REPORTING LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON THE PARANA MEDIO PROJECT. WE REVIEWED THE PROJECT STATUS WITH EMBASSY SCIENCE ATTACHE, MR. R. WILCOX ON JUNE 4 AND ALSO HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS HOW BEST TO RELAY MR. BERETTA'S SPECIFIC INTERESTS REGARDING THIS PROJECT TO U.S. FIRMS.

2. THE MAJOR U.S. HYDRO TURBINE/GENERATOR MANUFACTURERS, CIVIL WORKS CONTRACTORS AND HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT CONSULTING ENGINEERS ARE AWARE OF THIS PROJECT. WE CONCUR WITH EMBASSY THAT THE FORTH COMING ARGENTINE FOREIGN BUYER VISIT WOULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR MR. BERETTA TO CONTACT AND DISCUSS THIS PROJECT WITH INDIVIDUAL U.S.

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FIRMS. WE PROPOSE TO PROVIDE A TECHNICAL BRIEF OF THE PROJECT UTILIZING THE INFORMATION FROM YOUR RECENT CABLES AND AIRGRAMS TO HELP PREPARE THE SELECTED U.S. FIRMS FOR BERETTA'S VISIT. WE LOOK FORWARD RECEIVING CONFIRMATION OF

U.S. FIRMS WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING ON THIS VISIT,
REF (D).

3. REGARDING YOUR REF (A) PARAGRAPH 9 REQUEST, WE HAVE
CONTACTED AND EXPECT TO BE RECEIVING TECHNICAL LITERATURE
FROM DRAVO CORP., PITTSBURGH, PA; LAKESIDE BRIDGE AND
STEEL COMPANY, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN; AND PACECO, ALAMEDA,
CALIFORNIA. THESE U.S. FIRMS DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT
LARGE HYDRAULIC STRUCTURES FOR FLOOD CONTROL AND RIVER
NAVIGATION PROJECTS. WE WILL AIR POUCH THIS INFORMATION
WHEN RECEIVED. KISSINGER

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